


Flood Recovery

January Floods 2011


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Outline

- My personal story
- DPIs role in flood emergencies
- Loss and damage to Vic farmers
- Short and long term impacts
- Benefits

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My Story

- Holiday in SA
- Impending rain front
- 100mm Wednesday
- Drove home on Thursday



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Preparation


- CMA – no concern
- neighbours – no concern
- Flood plan



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Flooding


- Sunday night CMA 50yr to 200 year
- Neighbours panicked
- Monday 10am we were cut off with no power
- Water rose quick
- Keep the water out!



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Flooding

- No power
- No toilet
- No water
- Friends had to travel through flood water to reach us
- Massive media interest!



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Result

- Kept the water out!
- Flood insurance
- Friends and family
- Dead trees
- Kids in SA two weeks



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DPI's Role agricultural emergencies - flood

- Identify immediate needs
- Assess the loss of rural assets
- Assist those affected to re-establish

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Why DPI?

- Established networks
- Rapport
- Knowledge/ Skills



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Tasks

- Injured Stock
- Technical advice
- Stress management
- financial counselling
- Liaise with govt
and recovery partners
- Impact assess



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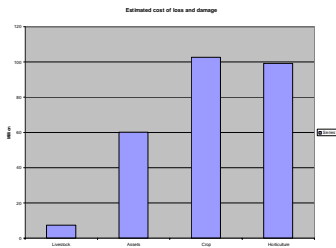
Impacts

- 330 184 poultry dead
- 11 387 sheep dead
- 258 bee hives lost
- 78 355 ha field crops lost
- 4241 kms fencing lost
- 127 110 tonnes hay/ silage lost
- 59 houses



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Estimated flood damage in \$\$\$



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Possible longer term impacts

Financial and emotional pressure

- 12 years of drought
- 2010 forecast to be a money making year but high rain = low quality grain.
- Unable to save stock – no high ground
- Floods were slow build up, slow receding water
- Worried about future events

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Benefits

- Wet soil profile
- Recreation water
- More prepared for possible future events



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